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17 August 1965

1. At the morning meeting on 17 August:

a. The Director generated quite a discussion on "analysis of reports" from Saigon. In particular he referred to interrogations of POW's. Ray Cline as usual put up some resistance as a result of Peer deSilva's comment that the reports are received in "yea thick." The Director said that he saw no reason why succinct resumes could not be prepared and was advised by Jack Smith that this is being done. The Director remarked that today was the 17th of August and he would "await receipt of the first one." Ray then pointed out that we are "beefing up our analytical capabilities in Saigon." The Director responded by saying, "Fine-- we have \$40 million to spend on Vietnam so let's get what we need and get on with the job--I hope I make myself clear."

b. Bob Bannerman reported that a course is now being conducted [] in resisting interrogation by the Soviets--Medical Staff is participating. [] asked if a similar course would be conducted for Chinese interrogations. Bob responded that this would be a part of the course. At this point Peer deSilva noted a study prepared by the Germans after World War II on interrogation techniques used by the Soviets and suggested that this study would be helpful. The Director asked that the report be dug out and used--he also wanted to see it--to see how good our retrieval system is!

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c. FLASH--Dick Helms announced that "The Agreement" has not been signed. He and the Director are having lunch with Cyrus Vance tomorrow and believe this problem will come up at that time. Again later--The agreement has been signed. [] has Memoranda for the Record by John Bross of 16 and 17 Aug.

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d. I suggest that at the first opportunity you get a briefing from [] on the status of NSAM []

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e. The Director again asked about bomblets, hand grenades, and delayed fuses. The finger is on Des to produce.

f. Dick Helms announced that [] has been appointed Deputy Director of NRO and that [] and Hank Knoche

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have been suggested as his replacement as Chairman of COMOR. Dick asked us to come up with other suggestions. I haven't had time to think about this yet.



2. I read NPIC's weekly personnel status report to you and had a problem reconciling the statement that NPIC had 69 vacancies and 179 personnel in process. [REDACTED] There is an explanation, and the format of the report will be changed accordingly.

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